

EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES

THE AVENGERS

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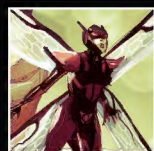
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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat. On that day, the Avengers were born--to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

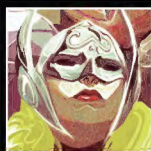
THE AVENGERS

The Vision traveled through time to abduct the infamous villain Kang as a baby, hoping to stop his reign of terror before it started. But the plan failed, and the Avengers were forced to return the infant Kang to his timeline.

But Captain America was still determined to end Kang's threat for good, so he assembled a team of Avengers from different eras and led them on a multipronged attack against Kang strongholds throughout time. But with Nadia's team captured by Kang, and founding Avengers Wasp and Giant-Man under attack by creatures who steal futures, the mission may already be doomed!



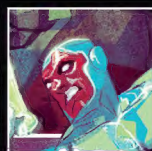
WASP
Nadia Pym



THOR
Jane Foster



CAPTAIN AMERICA
Sam Wilson



VISION



FUTURE VISION



SPIDER-MAN
Peter Parker

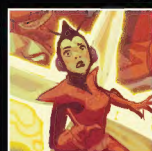


HERCULES

FOUNDING AVENGERS



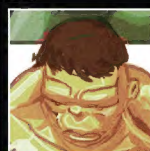
GIANT-MAN



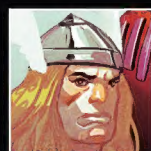
WASP
Janet Van Dyne



IRON MAN



HULK

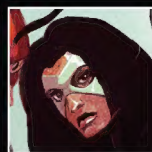


THOR ODINSON

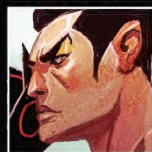
PAST AVENGERS



CAPTAIN AMERICA
Steve Rogers



CAPTAIN
MARVEL



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WE HAVE FAILED.

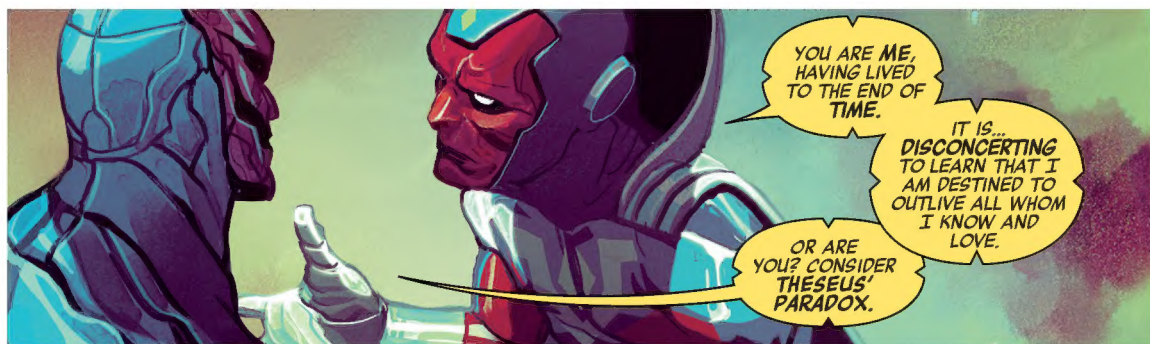
TIME IS FLUID. PERHAPS THERE IS YET HOPE.



YOU SEEM TROUBLED.

WE ARE ON THE CUSP OF LOSING FOUR ERAS OF AVENGERS TO KANG.

UNDERSTOOD. BUT SEPARATE FROM THAT.



YOU ARE ME,
HAVING LIVED
TO THE END OF
TIME.

IT IS...
DISCONCERTING
TO LEARN THAT I
AM DESTINED TO
OUTLIVE ALL WHOM
I KNOW AND
LOVE.

OR ARE
YOU? CONSIDER
THESEUS'
PARADOX.



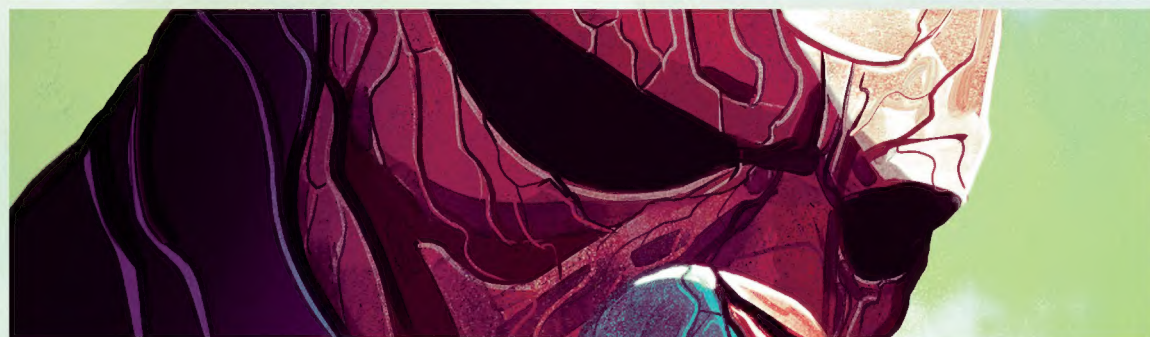
THESEUS,
KING OF ANCIENT
ATHENS, SET OUT IN
A SHIP SOME CLAIM
SAILED FOR OVER NINE
CENTURIES--

--BUT ONLY
BY EVENTUALLY
REPLACING EVERY
LAST DECAYED BOARD
WITH A STRONGER
ONE, AND A STRONGER
ONE STILL, UNTIL NO
ORIGINAL BOARD
EXISTED.

THE QUESTION,
THEN, IS THIS: IF
EVERY PIECE OF
SOMETHING--SUCH AS
A SYNTHETIC BODY--
HAS BEEN REPLACED
OVER TIME, IS IT
TRULY THE SAME
OBJECT--

--OR SOMETHING
NEW ALTOGETHER?
I GRANT YOUR QUERY,
BUT REGARDLESS OF
HOW MANY OF MY--YOUR--
ARTIFICIAL LIMBS AND
ORGANS MAY HAVE
BEEN EXCHANGED--

--YOUR INTANGIBLES--
YOUR BRAIN PATTERNS--
WILL FOREVER REMAIN
BASED ON AN EX-AVenger
NAMED SIMON WILLIAMS.



WON'T
THEY?

WE NEED
THE AVENGERS
TO RALLY--

EGYPT, 2948 B.C.

"...OR TIME
ITSELF IS 'LOST.'"

SPIDER-
SENSE SAYS
INCOMING!

THERE!

HULK!
BREAK
WEAPON-
THING!

OH, FOR
GOD'S SAKE,
I'M NOT
STUPID!

NNNGGH!

DON'T LET
THEM FIRE IT
DOWN HERE AT THE
FUSION
REACTOR!

WE'RE ABOUT
TO BOMB THE
JOINT! WHAT
DIFFERENCE DOES
IT MAKE?

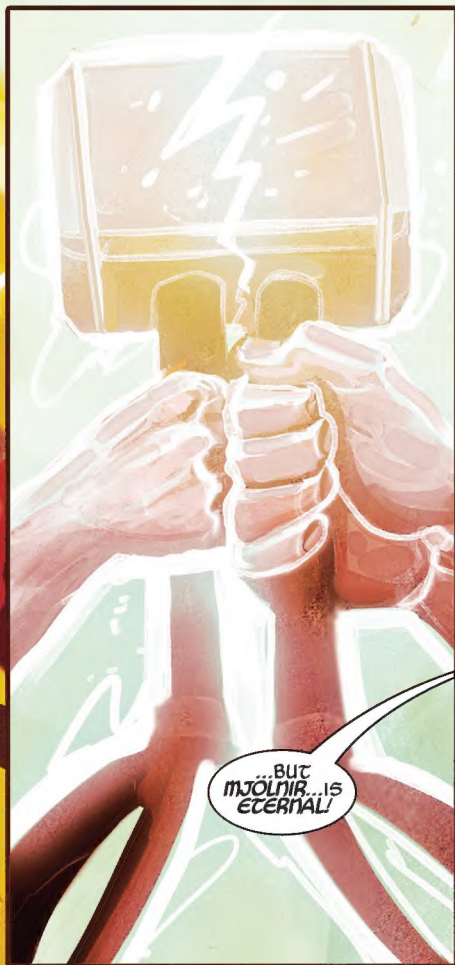
I THOUGHT
MAYBE, I DON'T
KNOW, WE COULD
GET EVERYBODY
OUT ALIVE
FIRST?





PLANET SACNIAA, 7215 A.D.









**NORTH
AMERICA,
4022 A.D.**

ANYONE
HAVE A PLAN?
NAMOR?
SHE-HULK?

I'M WORKING
ON ONE, BUT WE
HAVE TO TREAD
CAREFULLY.

THIS IS KANG BEFORE
THE AVENGERS EVER
MET HIM. WE HAVE TO
ESCAPE, ERADICATE
HIS ARMY AND GET OFF
OUR BOMB WITHOUT
DRAWING TOO
MUCH ATTENTION.

...OR ELSE
WE CHANGE
HISTORY!

ON
YOUR
KNEES,
GIRL.

FORGIVE ME AND MY LAWYER
BRAIN, CAP, BUT...ISN'T THE
EVIDENCE *BEFORE* US? AREN'T
WE *SUPPOSED* TO TOPPLE
KANG'S EMPIRE?

I WOULDN'T--
COUNT ON IT--!

ISN'T
CHANGING
HISTORY EXACTLY
WHAT WE CAME
HERE TO DO?

NEW
PLAN!

HIT
ANYTHING AND
EVERYTHING UNTIL
IT'S RUBBLE!

I FEEL
VERY SMART
RIGHT NOW.

SPTANK



MAYBE
SOMEDAY
HE'LL LET ME
TRY THAT...



I NEED
A BATTLE
CRY.

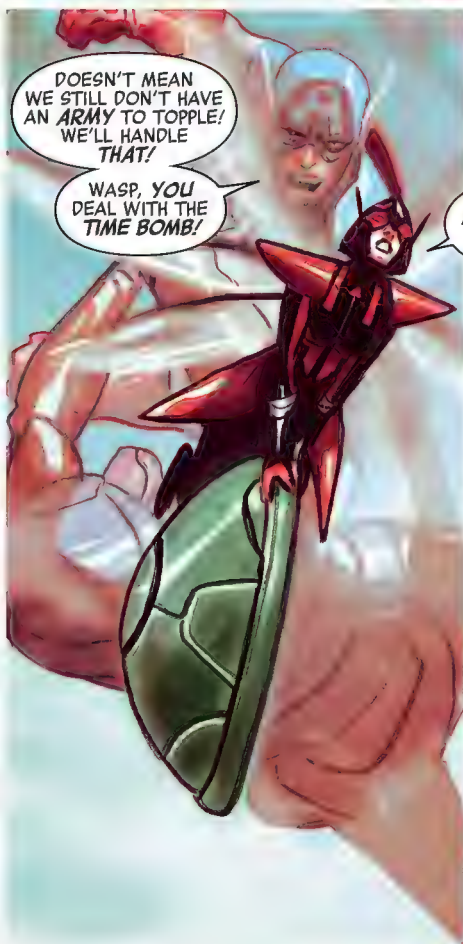
LISTEN
TO THE WHIMPERS
OF EVIL SOLDIERS
AS YOU SEND THEM
FLEEING IN
TERROR!

THAT'S
"BATTLE CRY"
ENOUGH FOR
ME!

FORGET
THE ODDS--
WE CAN WIN
THIS FIGHT!



THAT'S
A LIE. MEN?
FIRE.





GATHER
THEM NOW?

EAGERLY.

THIS IS
A VICTORY
THEY HAVE WELL
EARNED.



THERE HE
IS, AVENGERS.
KANG THE
"CONQUEROR."



HULKS, IF
YOU'D CARE
TO DO THE
HONORS...?

DEPOWERED,
DESTITUTE AND
READY FOR PRISON
AT LONG, LONG
LAST.



CHILDREN.

BELIEVING
THEMSELVES
TO SOMEHOW
BE ABOVE
DESTINY--

--RATHER
THAN EPHEMERAL
PAWNS WHO OUGHT
TO RESPECT FATE
AS WE DO.

WH-WHO...?



THIS...CAN'T
BE! THE SCARLET
CENTURION. IMMORTUS.
BOTH OF THEM FUTURE
IDENTITIES OF
KANG!

AND EACH OF
THEM, EVIDENTLY,
INFINITELY MORE
POWERFUL THAN
WE ARE.

YOU LED US
INTO THIS? ALL
WE DID WAS TRADE
ONE KANG FOR
TWO!

HOW CAN
THEY EVEN EXIST
UNLESS, AFTER ALL
THIS, WE FAILED TO
CHANGE KANG'S
FUTURE?

I--I DON'T
KNOW--/ IT
WASN'T SUPPOSED
TO GO DOWN THIS
WAY! WHAT HAPPENS
TO KANG AFTER
THIS--I JUST
DON'T KNOW!



FOOLS, BY
BEARDING THE LION
IN HIS *DEN*, YOU HAVE
"CORNERED" US AT THE
TIME AND PLACE WHERE
OUR POWERS ARE AT
THEIR *GREATEST*!

IS
THAT--
DOOM?

I HAD
NO IDEA
HE WAS AN
INCARNATION
OF--



JAAAAAN!

SZAAAK



NO...
NO...



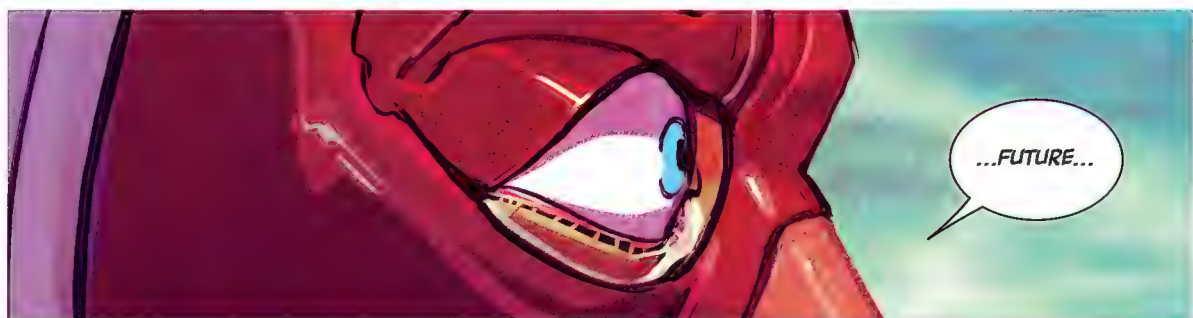
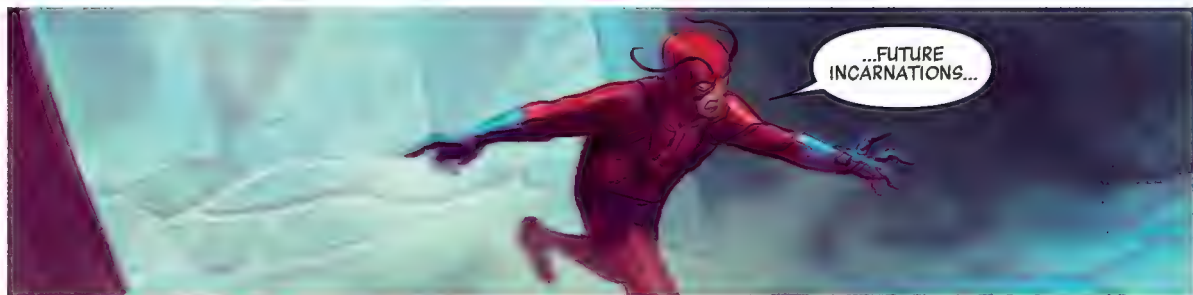
THE GIANT
FLEES IN
COWARDICE.

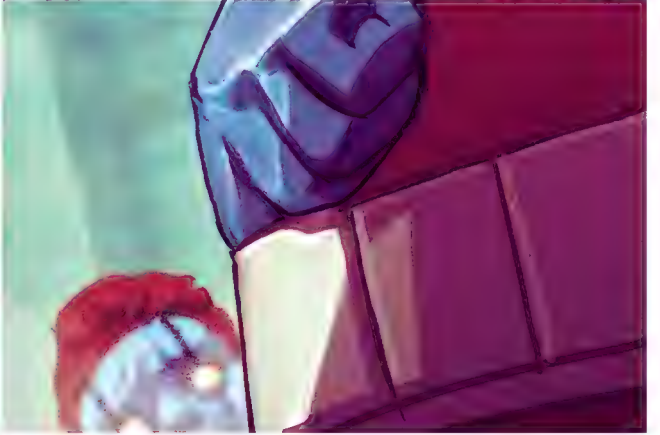
WE CAN
ATTEND TO HIM
LATER. DESPITE
HIS SIZE--

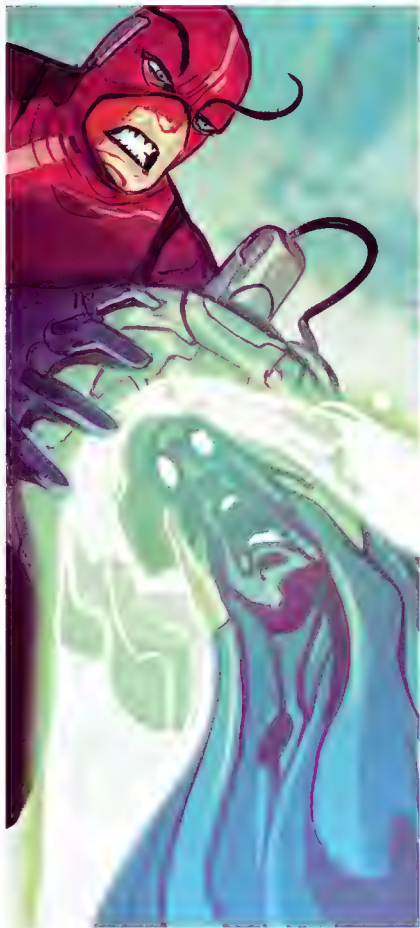
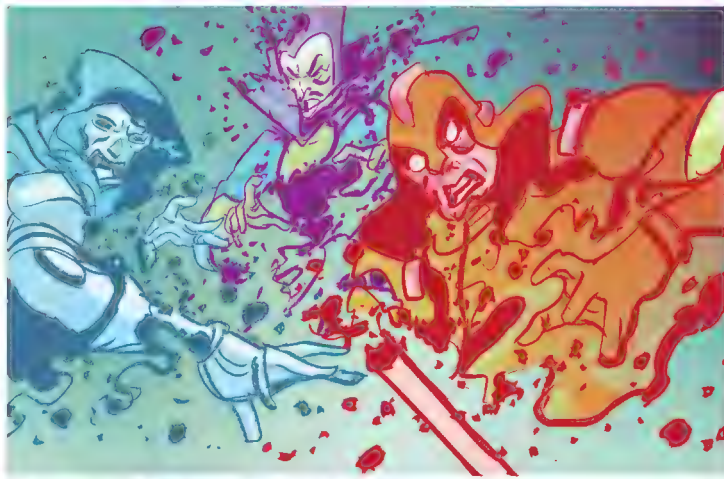
NO!



--HE IS THE
LEAST AMONG
THEM.







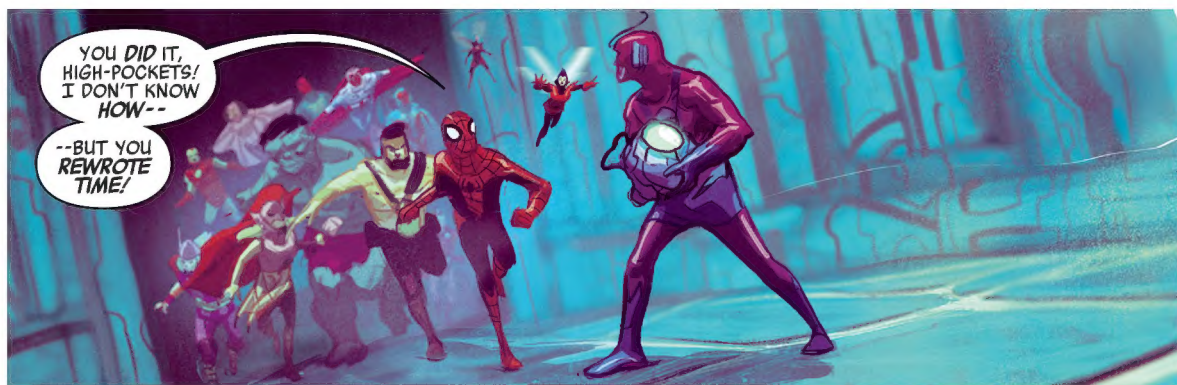
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IT HAD TO HAVE WORKED...

...IT HAD TO HAVE WORKED...

...PLEASE, GOD, LET IT HAVE--

HANK!



YOU DID IT,
HIGH-POCKETS!
I DON'T KNOW
HOW--

--BUT YOU
REWROTE
TIME!



YOU'RE
ALIVE....!

AND
KICKING,
LOVER!

OOOH! THAT
MACHINE FROM
SACNIAA! HANK,
YOU'RE A
GENIUS!



EXPLAIN
TO THE BACK OF
THE CLASS...?

THIS DEVICE
LITERALLY *STEALS*
THE FUTURE OUT OF
ANY PERSON OR OBJECT,
LEAVING IT PERMANENTLY
TRAPPED IN ITS CURRENT
STATE. FOR KANG, I THREW
IT INTO *OVERDRIVE*--



--ERASING
THE ACTIONS OF
HIS FUTURE SELVES.
YOU SAVED US
ALL, DR. PYM.

A FASCINATING
APPARATUS. IN FACT,
BY BIOTELEMETRICALLY
COPYING ITS
CIRCUITRY--

--I CAN RETURN
EACH TEAM BACK
TO ITS PROPER TIME
WITH NO MEMORY
OF ITS OWN
FUTURE!



YOUR TEAM
REQUIRES NO SUCH
MINDWIPE--UNLESS
YOU, VISION, WOULD
PREFER NOT TO
KNOW OF ME--?

...
LEAVE THE
MEMORY.

"VERY WELL."

WE'RE
BACK! OH,
THANK
GOD!

BECAUSE
I HAVE HAD
TO PEE FOR
HOURS!

DON'T LET
ME STOP YOU
FROM LEAVING
A ROOM.
EVER.



WOW.
THAT WAS A...
THING.

I APOLOGIZE,
EVERYONE. IN MY
MANIA TO FREE US FROM
KANG ONCE AND FOR ALL,
I BIT OFF MORE THAN
WE COULD CHEW.

LOOKS LIKE
A NET LOSS.
KANG'S TIMELINE
WILL ALWAYS
TRUMP OUR
POWER.

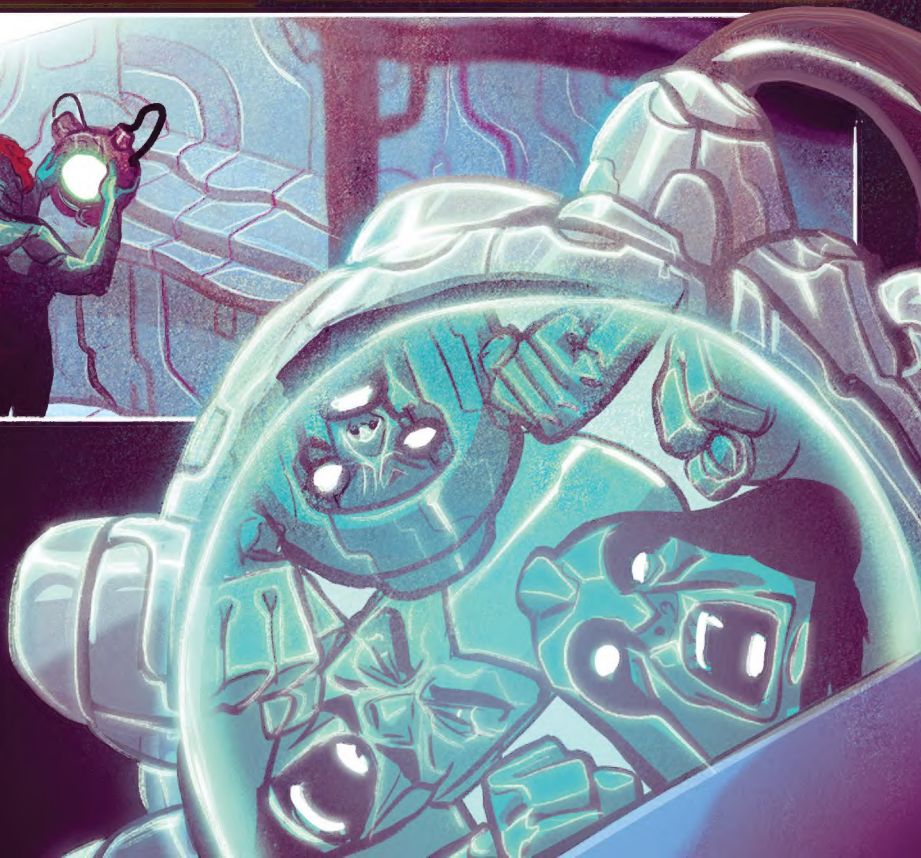
NOT
NECESSARILY,
SAMUEL. REMEMBER,
HIS ENTIRE FUTURE IS
NOW HELD CAPTIVE
WITHIN THE
WEAPON DR. PYM
USED...

"...WHICH, IF I
DO SAY SO
MYSELF, IS NOW
IN THE MOST
TRUSTWORTHY
OF HANDS."



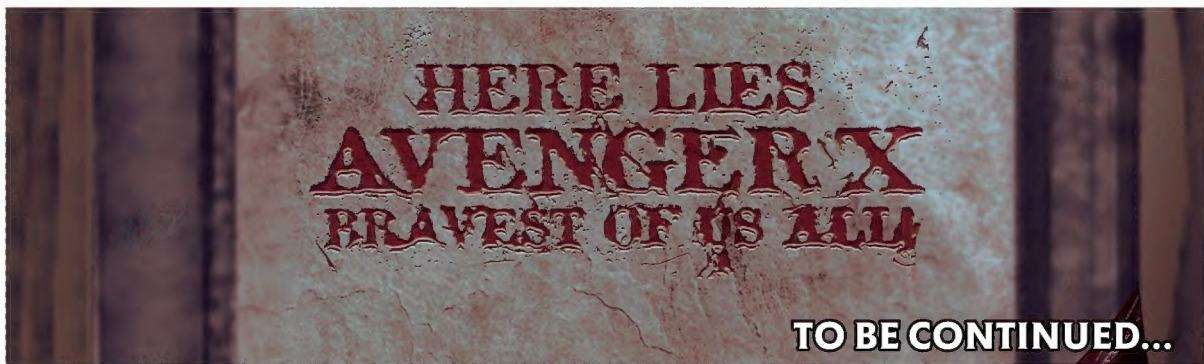
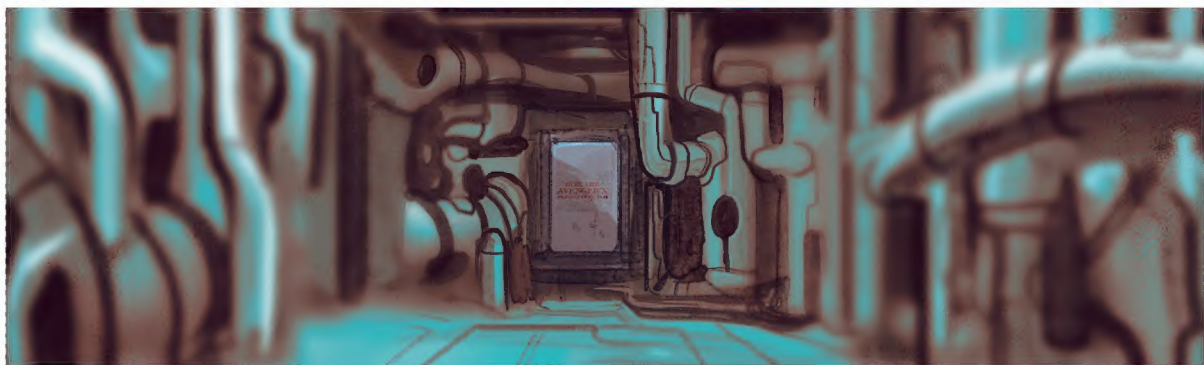
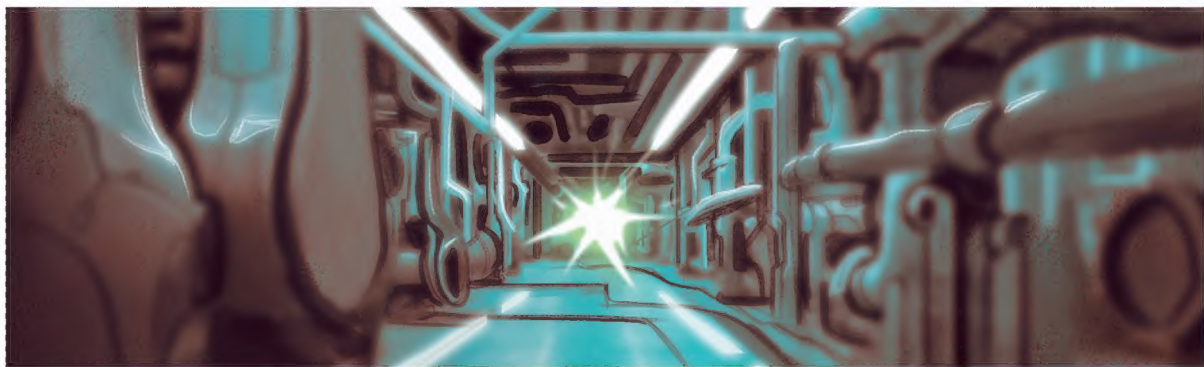
"IT WOULD SEEM TO ME
THAT NOW ALL OF
KANG'S FUTURE IS YET
TO BE DETERMINED."

"WE ARE AT LAST FREE OF
HIS VILLAINY, AND TIME IS
ONCE MORE CALMED. I
WOULD SUGGEST WE
SAVOR THE VICTORY..."



"...AND HOPE THERE ARE
NO CONSEQUENTIAL
ABERRATIONS IN THE
TIMESTREAM."

37 STORIES BELOW.



TO BE CONTINUED...

NEXT



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